

WNTC Budget Problems Still Not Resolved

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Representatives from the CCSA Senate and the WNTC radio station have scheduled a meeting for later this week to straighten out the problems which led the CCSA to "freeze" the station's budget in December. The meeting should be the last of a confusing chain of events which have hampered the station's activities this year.

The budget was frozen on December 12 by Gary Ryder, Activities Committee chairman of the Senate (when a budget is frozen, the organization technically cannot spend money or plan new events until the CCSA

allows it to). At that time, he sent a letter to the station notifying them that the action was being taken because there had been unauthorized spending of budgeted funds, money spent for items not budgeted, and income earned but not reported to the Senate. He specified that before the budget could be unfrozen the WNTC books would have to be audited, a new ad policy for the station would have to be prepared, and a meeting would have to be held between the station and the Senate comptroller to work out other details.

The problems originated in September when WNTC began to sell ads to local merchants. Normally, a small part of this

income would have been given to the ad salesman as a commission, with the remaining, major part deposited in a WNTC Senate account for future WNTC use. The procedure to get the money back again is not complicated, but it can be time consuming, sometimes taking almost two weeks to get a check mailed out.

To insure that they had a supply of money readily available for unexpected expenses, WNTC apparently deposited the ad income into an account at a local bank, bypassing the Senate entirely. This action is contrary to Senate policy, because the Senate cannot keep track of how much money is made or where it is spent.

In fact, conflicting reports were still being given last week about how much was made, and where it has gone. One source said WNTC sold about \$100 a week in ads, while another claimed income of over \$300 in one week alone. WNTC ad director Dan Aksel said that WNTC ad salesmen were not taking their commission for the ads, but were donating it to the station. Other people have disputed this claim, however. Apparently, the money that was collected was used to buy newly released records, electrical equipment, and other "non-budgeted" items.

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TOP TEN SINGLES

Song	Artist
1. Do You Think I'm Sexy	Rod Stewart
2. Y.M.C.A.	Village People
3. Lotta Love	Nicolette Larson
4. Every 1's a Winner	Hot Chocolate
5. September	Earth Wind and Fire
6. No Tell Lover	Chicago
7. A Little More Love	Olivia Newton-John
8. Soul Man	Blues Brothers
9. Fire	Pointer Sisters
10. I Will Survive	Gloria Gaynor

ALBUMS

Album	Artist
1. Greatest Hits	Steely Dan
2. Two For the Show	Kansas
3. 52nd Street	Billy Joel
4. You Don't Bring Me Flowers	Neil Diamond
5. Pieces of Eight	Styx
6. Hot Streets	Chicago
7. Cruisin'	Village People
8. Greatest Hits	Barry Manilow
9. Life For the Taking	Eddie Money
10. Briefcase Full of Blues	Blues Brothers

New Feature On WNTC

WNTC has a new special program, which can be heard every Monday night at 7:00, called Retrospect. Hosted by Steve Lincoln, the show focuses on interesting facets of the music scene over the past ten years. The first show, aired last week, dealt with the story song. Parallels were drawn between the subjects of the songs and events in the world which were happening when the songs were

popular.

Coming' up in future weeks will be specials involving groups from foreign countries, songs about animals, and artists who have made a significant comeback after a long absence from the music scene. Also, with Valentine's Day just around the corner, Retrospect will be playing the greatest love songs of the past ten years. That will take place on Febru-

ary 12 at a special time of 6:00 instead of the regular 7:00. Listeners are asked to submit their dedications to their valentine, and the WNTC personalities will dedicate one of the greatest love songs to them. You can submit your dedication by calling WNTC at 265-7650. Then tune in and listen to the greatest love songs on Retrospect.

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aggravated further in December when the two top officers of the station left school. Station Manager Frank "Doctor Don" Stanwyck, who survived an impeachment attempt in November, has transferred to Syracuse University, while Chief Engineer Tom Bentsen has graduated. Two new persons were appointed to the vacancies last week, and must now work with the Senate to unfreeze the budget.

The action by Ryder against the station was unprecedented, the first time that an Activities Committee chairman has frozen an organization's budget. Normally, the comp-

troller of the Senate is responsible for correcting budget problems when they are detected.

Although he did freeze the budget, Ryder downplayed the seriousness of the whole situation. He expected the meeting this week to solve all other problems with the station. "They haven't really paid that

much attention to their budget," he said, but "...overall, they've been doing all right." However, he added that if WNTC was making a great amount of money from ad sales, then the Senate should seriously reconsider giving them as large a budget this year as they did last year.

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bus ride itself, I had the kookiest people sitting next to me the whole trip. There was an old man in back of me playing the harmonica, the guy next

graphs of op-amp circuits, all in color of course, and that everyone in technical colleges was subscribing. Have you ever heard of it?"

I thought for a moment. "No, I haven't."